

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 0903). In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

As outlined above, claims 3, 4, 23 and 24 are currently under consideration. Claims 1, 5, and 9 to 11 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6 - 8, and 12 - 21 had been previously withdrawn from consideration in this application. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1 and 9 to 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kim, U. S. Patent No. 6,038,003 (further, Kim '003).

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim, U. S. Patent No. 6,038,003 (further, Kim '003) as applied to claims 1 and 9 to 11 above in view of Lyu *et al.* U. S. Patent No. 6,001,539 (further, Lyu '539).

Applicants respectfully submit that as shown above claims 1, 5, and 9 to 11 have been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer. Therefore the above rejection regarding claims 1, 5, and 9 to 11 have been rendered moot.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 3, 4, 23, and 24 are directed to allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Conclusion

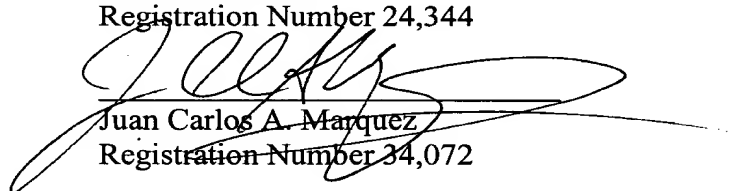
In view of all the above, Applicants respectfully submit that certain clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art references upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely. These differences are more than sufficient that the present invention as now claimed would not have been anticipated nor

rendered obvious given the prior art. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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